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SUBJECT AMERICAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS OF WAR IN TUYEN QUANG PROVINCE

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LOCATION VIETNAM, DANANG (19 SEPTEMBER 1969)

SOURCE

1. ON 6 AUGUST 1969, APPROXIMATELY 300 AMERICAN AND 700 SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS OF WAR WERE CONFINED TO A CENTRAL PRISON LOCATED ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF TUYEN QUANG CITY, TUYEN QUANG PROVINCE. THE PRISON COMPOUND BOUNDARY WAS

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APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS WEST OF A "Y" INTERSECTION WHERE A ROAD COMING NORTH FROM HANOI SPLIT INTO TWO ROADS, ONE LEADING TO TUYEN QUANG CITY AND THE OTHER TO THAI NGUYEN CITY, BAC THAI PROVINCE. THE PRISON WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1968, AND THE PRISONERS WERE BROUGHT FROM THE THAI NGUYEN PRISON. THE PRISON BUILDINGS WERE MADE OF BAMBOO WALLS AND THATCHED ROOFS. GUARD POSTS WERE LOCATED ALONG THE HIGH GROUND AND HILLS SURROUNDING THE PRISON.

2. RESIDENTS OF THE PRISON AREA FREQUENTLY OBSERVED AMERICANS WALKING WITHIN THE PRISON COMPOUND, AND THEY OFTEN WERE TAKEN ACROSS THE ROAD TO AN ABANDONED AIRSTRIP TO EXERCISE OR PLAY VOLLEYBALL. THE AMERICANS ALSO WORKED AROUND THE PRISON AND WERE GIVEN CLASSES IN COMMUNIST DOCTRINE. SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS WERE SEEN MORE OFTEN THAN AMERICANS PERFORMING WORK DETAILS AND WORKING IN THE VEGETABLE GARDENS AT THE PRISON.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD NEVER SEEN AN AMERICAN PRISONER WHEN HE PASSED THE PRISON OR STOPPED AT A NEARBY RESTAURANT. HE COULD RECALL HEARING NO COMMENTS REGARDING THE HEALTH OF THE PRISONERS, NOR COULD HE REMEMBER HAVING SEEN BARBED WIRE OR A HIGH WALL AROUND THE PRISON.

4. FIELD DISSEM. STATE USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE NAVFORV CORDS III MAF  
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